

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Elections - Disaster recovery and continuity plan for protecting the existing EPIC (1995 and 2003) and EROLL data – Sanctioned an amount of Rs.68,63,783/- being 90% of the invoiced amount to M/s.A.P.T.S.Ltd., Hyderabad towards procurement of hardware etc., - Programme not undertaken – Adjustment of the sanctioned amount towards the supply of hardware and other software development - Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ELECTIONS.E) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No. 6145**

**Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009**

Read the following :-

- 1) G.O.Rt.No.1534, G.A.(Elec.E) dept., dt.20.03.2006.
- 2) Govt.Letter No.E-124196/Elec.E/A1/2005-11, dt.02.05.2007 and reminders thereon dt.30.08.2007, 18.12.2007, 08.04.2008, 17.06.2008, 31.10.2008
- 3) From the A.P.T.S.Lr.No.APTS/CS/EPIC-PH3/VI/1069/2004, dt.29.11.2008.
- 4) Govt.Lr.No.E-124196/Elec.E/A1/2005-16, dt.16.09.2009
- 5) Minutes of the meeting with Technical Team of APTS on 30.09.2009.
- 6) From the A.P.T.S.Lr.No.APTS/CS/EPIC-PH3/VI/1069/2004, dt.24.10.2009.

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**ORDER:**

As the then State Level Agency for preparation of Electoral Rolls in Andhra Pradesh, the APTS has suggested a storage methodology as disaster recovery and business continuity plan for protecting the existing EPIC (1995 and 2003) and EROLL data. They have made certain suggestions for storage media and copies to be made available at strategic locations such as storing on DLT, storing on DVD and storing the data on a server at GAD / APTS and furnished the cost estimates.

2. In the G.O.first read above, an amount of Rs.68,63,783/- being the 90% of the invoiced amount to the Managing Director, A.P.T.S. Ltd., Hyderabad towards procurement of hardware for Disaster Recovery and Continuity Plan and service charges of A.P.T.S.

3. As the Disaster Recovery site has not been established and part of hardware was supplied, in the letters second read above, APTS was requested to take necessary action to commence the work for developing and establishing a Disaster Recovery site for protecting the EROLL and EPIC for future reference and usage and also to supply the remaining items of hardware, otherwise, to refund the unspent amount immediately.

4. APTS in their letter third read above has stated that they have arranged for the procurement of all the items for the DR site, but could not take up the development of application software due to continuous election related work. They have also stated that APTS has been serving General Administration (Elections) Dept., on all the technical requirements since the year 1993 and was appointed as SLA to the General Administration (Elections) Dept., for EPIC and EROLL since July, 2002. As SLA, APTS developed and implemented various software applications for EPIC, EROLL and A.P.Legislative Council. Subsequently, M/s.CMC Ltd., has been selected as SLA and the APTS was instructed for knowledge transfer and handover of entire source codes of the developed software to M/s.CMC and the same was transferred to M/s.CMC. They have also stated that since M/s.CMC has taken over as SLA, it may not be feasible for APTS to deliver the solution for want of required Data, data definition, data storage and retrieval procedures which are held with the existing SLA i.e., M/s.CMC. APTS have further stated that certain service charges, software development charges and other

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charges are pending due from General Administration (Elections) Dept., in connection with Electoral Rolls and EPIC programme and if the same is sanctioned, an amount of Rs.81,280/- is still due from Government.

5. APTS was SLA for preparation of electoral rolls and EPICs from 27.05.2002 to 30.06.2007. They were paid service charges for the item of work they have undertaken as and when they raise the bills for the works. APTS has not raised any bills for the items said to have been pending with Government i.e., application software and additional software works and no bills are pending at Government level. To sort out the issue, a meeting was fixed with the M.D., APTS., on 30.09.2009 and the issues were discussed with the technical team of APTS and they were directed to submit their report at the earliest.

6. APTS in their letter sixth read above, have submitted their remarks on the dues pending from the Government towards software development charges and furnished the bills and copies of instructions of this Department for different official visits of APTS technical team to ECI, New Delhi, Bihar, Pune, Srikakulam & Guntur. Further, they have supplied all pending hardware.

7. After careful consideration, the Government hereby accord sanction for an amount of Rs.19,21,061/- towards pending software development charges and other charges as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Description of the Project	Amount claimed by APTS Rs.	Amount sanctioned by the Department Rs.	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	EPIC 2006 software development charges	7,00,000	3,50,000	APTS submitted bill for Rs.7.00 lakhs towards software development charges in the entire State. As the programme could not be undertaken in all the districts and the EPICs were issued only in Hyderabad, 50% of the total amount of Rs.7,00,000/- was released earlier. Now, it is decided to release the remaining 50% of the amount i.e., Rs.3.50 lakhs, since the software was utilised.
2	AP Legislative Council software development charges	5,14,000	4,14,000	APTS submitted bills for Rs.5.14 lakhs towards the software development charges for preparation of Council Rolls and Rs.1.00 lakh was released earlier as a token of accepting their consultancy services. Now, they have furnished the bills for the remaining amount of Rs.4.14 lakhs. This has been considered and accepted.

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3	SLA tour bill towards conferences on EPIC / EROLL to New Delhi, Pune, Bihar & certain districts in the State.	1,85,061	1,85,061	As per the discussions held on 30.09.2009, the APTS has furnished Bills for Rs.1,85,061/- and copies of references issued by this department in the matter. This has been considered and accepted.
4	Charges towards standard EPIC software in Hyderabad dist.	9,90,000	---	APTS stated that they undertook the development / customization of EPIC software for Hyderabad district as per the instruction of the then Addl.CEO and completed as instructed. As no EPIC work has been undertaken with the APTS software and the work was entrusted to CMC Ltd., the request of the APTS is rejected.
5	EROLL software development charges (SSR 2007)	7,72,000	7,72,000	M/s.APTS Ltd., has submitted the actual revised bills for Rs.7,72,000/- with item wise details including additional works. This has been considered and accepted.
6	AP Legislative Council software development additional charges for supplementary rolls and other activities	5,00,000	2,00,000	APTS has stated that they have taken up several tasks for generation of supplementary roll for APLC elections as per the GAD instructions.  Since the software is for supplementary rolls as part of Main Roll software, no extra cost need to be paid. However, as the same is used by the Department, it is accepted to sanction an amount of Rs.2.00 lakhs.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>36,61,061</b>	<b>19,21,061</b>	

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8. An amount of Rs.68,63,783/- was released to A.P.T.S. vide G.O.first read above for Disaster Recovery Plan and A.P.T.S. has supplied the hardware / software whose cost and service charges of APTS are as below:

Sl.No.	Items	Cost
1	Server	863593.00
2	Server	1056360.00
3	Desktops 5	210910.00
4	Arc GIS Software	1300000.00
5	LCD Projector	128000.00
6	Tripod Stand	3000.00
7	Ceiling mount kit, motorized screen, mouse receiver	30036.00
8	Windows server enterprise 2008	194597.00
9	17" TFT LCD Monitor	9400.00
	Total	3795896.00
	APTS Service Charges @ 3%	113876.88
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3909772.88</b>

9. After deducting the amount for the supplied items from the amount sanctioned vide G.O. first read above, the APTS is due of Rs.29,54,010/- to Government. Now, an amount of Rs.19,21,061/- is sanctioned as at Para 7 above. Thus, the Government has decided to adjust the said amount of Rs.19,21,061/- from the balance amount of Rs.29,54,010/- available with APTS. After adjusting the same, an amount of Rs.10,32,949/- is still to be returned by APTS to Government as detailed below:

(1)	Total amount released to APTS towards Disaster Recovery	6863783.00
(2)	Cost towards the hardware supplied by APTS	3909772.88
(3)	<b>Balance with APTS (1 -2 )</b>	<b>2954010.12</b>
(4)	Amount adjusted towards the software development charges, services charges due to APTS (now sanctioned)	1921061.00
(5)	<b>Balance amount to be returned by APTS to Government (3 -4)</b>	<b>1032949.12</b>

10. The Managing Director, A.P.T.S. is requested to return the amount of Rs.10,32,949/- immediately through a Cheque / Demand Draft.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

I.V.SUBBA RAO,  
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER &  
E.O. PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Managing Director, A.P. Technology Services Limited, Hyderabad.

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The General Administration (Claims.C) Department  
The Deputy Pay and Accounts Officer, Secretariat Branch, Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Hyderabad.  
The General Administration (Elections.C) Department.  
The Finance (Expr.GAD.I) Department.  
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